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Woman dies in house fire

BLAZE One woman died after a house fire in the city's southeast last night.

Fire crews were called to a home on Doverdale Mews SE for reports of smoke and were informed someone was in the house.

Firefighters entered the home and located a woman in an upper bedroom. They brought the unconscious woman out of the house to waiting EMS, but they were unable to resuscitate her.

Investigators do not know the cause of the fire.

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Activists Paul Hughes and Mary March sit on the steps of city hall with a pair of chickens after a committee meeting shot down a pilot project to allow chickens to be raised in the city. Both say they will not give up their chickens and are taking their fight to court.

Chicken trial grounded

Committee votes down pilot project for backyard coops

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Urban chickens just won't fly in Calgary after a city committee clipped the wings of a proposed pilot project before it could take flight.

Poultry activists Paul Hughes and Mary March vowed to continue illegally cooping their chickens after the committee voted 5-2 yesterday against a pilot program that would have allowed urban farm families to keep their egg-producing hens for one year.

"They can say whatever they want, but I have a right to feed my children. I'm keeping my chickens," March said with two chickens in tow on the steps of city hall.

Bill Bruce from city Bylaw Services spoke to the committee about the pilot project, but said he now must serve 30-day notices to chicken owners, forcing them to find new homes for the fowl.

"They knew from the start that was a possibility," Bruce said of charges stayed against Hughes and March that will now be continued.

But Hughes is determined to take his fight to court. He said he believes the right to feed his family trumps the city's right to ban chickens from Calgary.

Aldermen at the meeting said they had trouble supporting something they believe most of the city doesn't want.

Only Joe Ceci and Bob Hawkesworth endorsed the pilot program.

Opponents of the program were animated in their resistance, including nurse Mary MacDonald, who was worried about diseases from the chickens.

"I'm so happy, and surprised more people weren't out to oppose coops in their neighbour's backyard," she said.

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ChickenTweets

- 403mizo @metrocalgary having chickens in your backyard is crazy! Go buy a farm if you want chickens, I hate the smell of them.
- XBrav @metrocalgary Immediate approval should have been given. Why waste taxpayer money to analyze something that doesn't need to be researched?
- lexiebexson @metrocalgary I'd rather have a farm fresh chicken than an urban chicken. Growing up in the city gives you a bad attitude. #yyc
- @BigJeff123 I so wa(n)ted a chicken!

Still no luck in search for couple

MISSING An elderly couple is still missing despite information from the public, police said yesterday.

"We have received some tips from the public, but so far nothing has been found," said Duty Insp. Keith Cain.

Allen Berrington, 90, and Margaret Berrington, 91, were last seen at their home in the 3100 block of 34 Avenue SW at 5:30 p.m. on May 27. Police said they may be driving their silver 2007 Chrysler Sebring, with Alberta licence plate LBL 140.

Police have searched using HAWCS helicopter and also reviewed security footage from the Grey Eagle Casino — but there was no indication the couple visited the establishment.

"For a couple to go missing for a day or two, perhaps that's not a concern at all," said Cain.

"I'm told it's out of character.

"In this case, the more days that go pass, it's more of a concern."

Foul play is not suspected.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the Berringtons, or their silver Chrysler, should call police at 403-567-6200 or 403-266-1234.

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Allen, Margaret Berrington

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City plans free concerts

To celebrate the City of Calgary Parks 100th anniversary, several free concerts are going to be held across the city this summer. Four events — one in each quadrant of the city — will be held starting June 20, with the final event Sept. 25. For more information on locations and the musicians, you can visit calgary.ca/parks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

GAS CUT Fire crews evacuated residences in Saddleridge yesterday afternoon, after a backhoe cut into a six-inch gas line, fire department officials said. Traffic was closed to the area around 88 Avenue and Saddleland Drive NE, and ATCO gas was called in to shut down the line. Fire crews and ATCO were working last night at restoring service and getting displaced residents back in their homes.
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@petrodude73 Nice and sunny during the WORK week..cold and rainy on the weekend this is your forecast for the summer, and possibly until end of time #yyc

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Cabbies protest airport deal

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

Exclusive right to on-demand cab service at the Calgary International Airport was awarded to a sole provider yesterday, despite a protest held by city cabbies.

Associated Cab (Alta.) Ltd. was signed to a six-year deal effective June 7 allowing only their cabs to pick up passengers at the airport, according to a Calgary Airport Authority release. "You'll have a better distribution of taxi-cabs in the city," said president of Associated Cab Roger Richard.

"In the past, look how many complaints there's been that the reason you can't get a taxi downtown or elsewhere is because they were all parked at the airport — well, this is not going to happen."

Richard said that having only one cab company at the airport wouldn't negatively impact other drivers in the city.

"Nobody is going to lose their job," he said.

SHELBY BORYS/FOR METRO CALGARY

More than 35 cab drivers, led by MLA Darshan Kang and spokesperson Rajiv Kumar Kapil, marched to city hall in protest of the Calgary Airport Authorty's tentative decision to grant exclusive fare pickup rights to only one cab company.

However, Advance cab driver Anil Oberoi, one of the many protesters at the Harry Hays building yesterday, said his livelihood is being threatened.

"My family depends on my business because I'm the only bread winner in my home," said Oberoi, adding that he supports his parents, wife and children.

"We are surviving on the businessmen who are coming from the States and they come to the airport."

Associated was one of a number of companies that submitted proposals for consideration to the airport authority, according to the airport authority release. Numerous calls to the Calgary Airport Authority went unanswered.

Mixed reviews for possible change to school board selection

SCHOOLS Alberta Education's plan outlining the future of the provincial schooling over the next 20 years has been met with mixed reviews.

The 56-page Inspiring Education report mentions the possibility of school board governors being appointed or recruited in addition to the current election process.

"You can call it either inspiring education or undermining it, whichever way you look at it," said Alberta liberal education critic Harry Chase.

"If you undermine the authority of the local trustees any further ... than you basically remove their authority and what little local say they had."

Hancock

However, Minister of Education Dave Hancock said the election process will not be purged.

"I want to clear the air that there is not going to be an elimination of elected boards as the basis of local government through schools," he said.

For Calgary Board of Education trustee Carol Bazinet, the possibility of changing the board selection procedures may be a good thing.

"I think it's all with keeping in mind that we just want more people involved, more people to have a voice in their public education system," she said.

The report was compiled by a 22-member steering committee along with input from around 4,000 Albertans, according to an Alberta Education release.
KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO CALGARY

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Man charged in attack on RCMP officer

STABBING A man who allegedly ambushed an RCMP officer, stabbing him repeatedly in an interview room at the headquarters of Alberta's police investigative unit, is facing a variety of charges including attempted murder.

Lee Christopher Monrose, 29, was also charged yesterday with aggravated assault, three counts of assaulting a police officer, assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon.

Sgt. Andrew Johnson was critically injured after Monrose showed up unexpectedly Tuesday morning at the Calgary offices of the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, said Edmonton police Staff Sgt. Lorne Pubantz.

Calgary police Chief Rick Hansen said yesterday he is not second-guessing the actions of ASIRT and will wait to review Calgary police procedures at the conclusion of the current investigation.

Monrose was involved with ASIRT because he had been shot in the head by Calgary police last November.
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Canada's role in Afghanistan on display

Afghanistan360, a multimedia exhibit on Canada's civilian and military role in Afghanistan is on display at SouthCentre Mall from June 1 to 7. The exhibit features stories from the field and video segments on training and development projects spearheaded by Canadians in the Asian country. METRO CALGARY

Province, retailers team up to curb plastic bag use

ENVIRONMENT The Alberta government and four of Canada's major retail associations have reached an agreement that they say will cut plastic bag use in half by 2013.

Retailers say the strategy to cut the roughly 900 million plastic bags used every year will be implemented at industry's cost.

The strategy includes education to promote reusable shopping bags.

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Another arrest made in bus theft

ARREST The Calgary police arrested a man without incident in his Temple area home Tuesday night in connection with the theft of a Calgary Transit bus early Sunday morning.

Robert Allen Smith, 29, of Calgary, has been charged with theft over $5,000, and numerous driving-related offences.

Another man was arrested in relation earlier this week. METRO CALGARY

'Symbolic garden'

Office workers growing greens for food bank

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

Downtown office workers traded their briefcases for garden spades to break ground for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank yesterday.

A four-plot vegetable garden has been planted on the Standard Life Plus-15 link. All harvested produce will go to help feed Calgarians in need.

Inspired by the urban garden planted last year on Barclay parade, Gabby Franco, asset manager for Western Canada Standard Life, approached the building's tenants to volunteer to get their hands dirty.

"I thought it's a better use of space then just having flowers," he said.

Although produce from the garden wouldn't meet the need of one day's demand at the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, said Paul Hughes, chair of the Calgary Food Policy Council, it's a start.

"It's a very symbolic garden," he said. "It really can be done in a very dense urban environment.

"This garden is meant to set the pace for other corporations to apply the same approach."

Despite some concerns of vandalism or theft, Calgarians have treated the 3rd Street urban garden with respect, said garden co-founder Janet Jessiman.

"There's even less cigarette butts in that area now," said Jessiman.

JESSICA PICHE/FOR METRO CALGARY

Edith Thai and Khalid Abdulrazak trade their lunch hour for manual labour at the new urban garden.

Police remind riders, drivers to share the road

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

SAFETY As the summer tires come out, so do the motorcyclists, warn Calgary police.

Police are reminding both riders and drivers to watch out for each other and to share the road this season.

"We're encouraging motorcyclists to please be careful out there," said Jim Lebedeff, senior constable, traffic education unit. For the past two years, June has been the month with the highest motorcycle collision record.

Excessive speed and slow reaction times are the most common cause for accidents, said Lebedeff, although stupidity also plays a part.

"Don't be foolish," he said. "I've seen people do wheelies in the middle of Deerfoot Trail."

Riders are encouraged to take a safe motorcycling course before heading out for the first time, said Lebedeff.

Tips for bikers

- Stay out of blind spots
- Be alert at intersections
- Make eye contact with motorists
- Ride defensively
- Make every effort to enhance your visibility
- Be aware of what is going on around you, including behind you
- Wear the right gear and approved motorcycle helmet

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CRIME Closed-circuit surveillance cameras were given the green-light to continue running in the city's core after committee approved the pilot-project extension. The committee did not approve more cameras. METRO CALGARY

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The Prime Minister's Office is rejecting a call from former prime minister Paul Martin to expand the agenda of the G20 summit to include climate change and poverty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Kiss your free digital downloads goodbye

New copyright bill sets penalty of up to $5,000 for illegal copies

Sweeping new federal copyright legislation would allow companies to seek damages ranging from $100 to $5,000 from people who illegally copy digital material like games and music.

The wide-ranging bill touches on virtually every area of the digital superhighway, affecting consumers' relationship with DVDs, CDs, MP3 players, the Web, and even their Internet service providers.

The bill would create a new legal category for personal users, separate from the previous law that lumped people and businesses together and set the same $1 million maximum penalty.

A key component of the new law would make it illegal to pick a digital lock and copy legally acquired material.

The Conservative government says the new rules aim to bring Canada in line with international standards while also appeasing the entertainment industry.

The government said the digital-lock provision will be of particular help to the video-game industry.

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What's illegal

- Breaking digital locks
- Enabling copyright infringement
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Montreal **Nazi soap?**

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A curiosity shop in Montreal — owned by Abraham, left, and Ivan Botines — was selling a controversial bar of soap, allegedly made by the Nazis with the remains of victims from the Holocaust. A closer look at the swastika-engraved soap, purportedly from the Second World War, has confirmed it is not made of human remains. Analysis reveals the soap tested negative for human or animal DNA and is "just a regular bar of soap", Montreal police said.

Political media like to tweet: Study

COMMUNICATIONS Twitter is becoming a great place to have a political conversation in Canada — except for politicians, a new study has found.

Tamara Small, an assistant professor at Mount Allison University, has been analyzing political chitchat on Twitter, the social-media site in which people talk back and forth in 140-character bursts.

Twitter is proving to be a very friendly place for mainstream Canadian political media — far more friendly than political blogs, Small found.

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News in brief

CLAIM A Canadian activist detained during a deadly raid on an aid flotilla said his Israeli captors beat and imprisoned him after launching an attack on the ship he was travelling on, CBC reported yesterday. Rifat Audeh was identified as one of three Canadians detained during the raid that took place in international waters Monday.

HUMAN RIGHTS New York-based Human Rights Watch warned that Canada's international reputation on human rights has "eroded."

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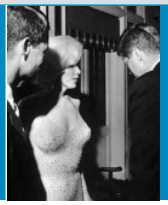

Only photo of Monroe & JFK for sale

The only known picture, left, of Marilyn Monroe and John F. Kennedy is going up for sale at a West Hollywood art gallery. Taken at a party after the U.S. president's birthday gala in New York City on May 19, 1962, the photograph shows Monroe in profile standing between Kennedy and his brother, Robert. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Another setback in capping oil

OIL SPILL The BP oil slick drifted perilously close to the Florida Panhandle's famous sugar-white beaches yesterday as a risky gambit to contain the leak by shearing off the well pipe ran into trouble a mile (1.6 kilometres) under the sea when the diamond-tipped saw became stuck. BP says it was about halfway done slicing through the pipe when the diamond-tipped saw snagged. The company said last night that it took 12 hours to free the saw and that preparations were underway to resume cutting. The plan is to fit a cap on the blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico to capture most of the spewing oil; the twisted, broken pipe had to be sliced first to allow a snug fit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The hilarious @BPGlobalPR Twitter feed draws $10,000 in donations for conservation groups.

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Bloodbath in Britain

Dozen killed as cabbie goes on shooting rampage

A taxi driver drove his vehicle on a shooting spree across a tranquil stretch of northwest England yesterday, methodically killing 12 people and wounding 25 others before turning the gun on himself, officials said.

The rampage in the county of Cumbria was Britain's deadliest mass shooting since 1996 and it jolted a country where handguns are banned and multiple shootings rare. The body of the suspected gunman, 52-year-old Derrick Bird, was found in woods near Boot, a hamlet popular with hikers and vacationers in England's hilly, scenic Lake District. Police said two weapons were recovered from the scene. Eight of the wounded were in the hospital, with three of them in critical condition. Queen Elizabeth II, who rarely issues statements responding to the news, said she shared in "the grief and horror of the whole country" and passed on her sympathy to the families of the victims.

ANDREW MILLIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police officers attend the scene following one of the shootings in Whitehaven, England, yesterday.

Peter Leder, a taxi driver who knew Bird, said he had seen the gunman Tuesday and didn't notice anything that was obviously amiss. But he was struck by Bird's departing words.

"When he left he said, 'See you Peter, but I won't see you again,'" Leder told Channel 4 News.

The first shootings were reported in the coastal town of Whitehaven, about 560 kilometres northwest of London. Witnesses said the dead there included two of Bird's fellow cabbies.

Police warned residents to stay indoors as they tracked the gunman's progress across the county. Witnesses described seeing the gunman driving around shooting from the window of his car. Victims died in Seascale and Egremont, near Whitehaven, and in Gosforth, where a farmer's son was shot dead in a field. Workers at the nearby Sellafield nuclear processing plant were ordered to stay inside while the gunman was on the loose.

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Israel drops plans to prosecute

MIDDLE EAST In an attempt to limit the diplomatic damage from its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, Israel dropped plans yesterday to prosecute dozens of pro-Palestinian activists, opting instead to deport them all immediately.

The stunning reversal came as Israel faced increasingly sharp international condemnation for Monday's high-seas raid that ended when Israeli commandos killed nine activists. The outcry included accusations of war crimes and a decision by Nicaragua to break diplomatic relations with Israel over the raid.

But Israeli officials said the decision not to prosecute any of the activists — despite suspicions that they were sent to attack Israeli forces on the ship — was primarily an attempt to control the damage to Israel's relations with Turkey, an unofficial sponsor of the flotilla.

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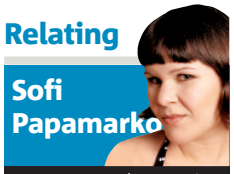

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Sometimes the person is right, but the timing is all wrong.

Elizabeth and George met eight years ago.

"I thought he was the most honourable, decent, thoughtful and compassionate guy I'd (ever) met ... and that my search was over."

The couple were happy for a while, but due to conflicting schedules and the fact that they were in different places in their lives, the relationship ended. Elizabeth had other serious relationships, but always compared them to her ex.

Fast forward to 2010. George sends Elizabeth a Facebook friendship request and his phone number. When she calls, he asks her out to dinner. The couple has since reunited and things are going well.

"We are more mature, less afraid and more confident," Elizabeth says. "Dating other people made us realize what we had with each other."

Jimmy Buffett called it Boomerang Love. But we're not talking about that tiresome couple who break up and reconcile every few weeks. (Seriously, get it together!) This is about realizing, years later, that someone you were once with might have been The One.

Shannon and Doug met at a sporting arena where she worked as a hostess. "I was serving him and just thought he was gorgeous," she recalls. "I was like, 'Where's my name tag because I don't remember my name right now.'"

Doug was visiting from an American city, but the two exchanged contact information and eventually began a long-distance relationship.

It worked for a while. And then it didn't.

Shannon distanced herself from Doug and started dating someone else, eventually marrying him. But she was never able to shake the memory of Doug.

"I thought about him on my wedding day," she admits. "Just before I walked out, I wondered what he was doing."

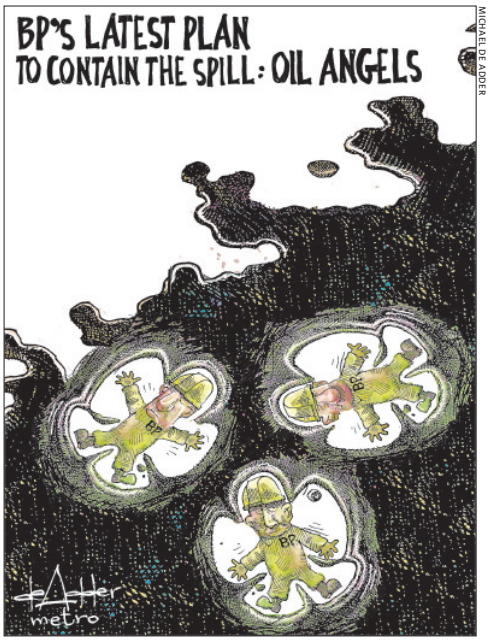
The marriage didn't last. After Shannon filed for divorce, a random email from Doug rekindled their dormant friendship. The pair are now engaged and she's moved her life to be with him.

"He is how people should treat other people in relationships. He's chivalrous, he's respectful and he loves me unconditionally. And he thinks that I'm the most beautiful woman in the whole entire world and I feel that every day."

Life isn't always a Disney princess movie, but sometimes it has a funny way of working itself out.

"Our hearts know what we need," she says. "It just took me a little longer to realize that he was what my heart needed."

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.



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Views

News flash: Muslims are sexy *and* cool

GlobalView

Mona Eltahawy

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I could not have dreamed up Rima Fakih if I had tried.

When I imagine stereotype-busting Muslim women, they're not usually being crowned the first Muslim and possibly first Arab Miss USA.

I have long fought to dislodge that media darling "covered in black muslim woman" from her throne of cliché and to give voice to the diversity of Muslim women out there.

Fakih, complete with a bikini that had even me struggling to concentrate, effortlessly embodied all of that.

When the 24-year-old Lebanese-born, New York City-raised resident of Dearborn, Mich., told judges that U.S. health insurance should cover the birth control pill, she had already won this feminist's heart.

Dearborn is proud of its queen, media in her country of birth have gushed, and Lebanese President Michel Suleiman publicly congratulated Fakih amid reports the two would meet soon.

And not one of her relatives has tried to honour kill her?

In fact, Fakih thanked her mother — how American is that — for encouraging her Miss USA title bid. Fakih's aunt in Lebanon — who wears a headscarf — said her Miss USA niece was "an honour for all of southern Lebanon" where her family hails from.

Who allowed the silent and invisible women an opinion — and sexy legs — dammit!

Fakih almost tripped over her ball gown during the pageant, but that was nothing compared to how she wrongfooted quite a few Muslims who didn't know whether to celebrate or condemn a Muslim beauty queen.

I am allergic to pageants, but I am relieved to see a different type of Muslim woman in the news.

Rima Fakih

I had barely recovered from news of Rima the Beauty Queen when I was dumbstruck by news that Aziz Ansari — an American-Muslim comedian — was going to host the MTV Movie Awards Sunday.

As MC of the awards he will effectively become Mr. Pop USA, following in the footsteps of Mike Myers, Sarah Silverman and Ben Stiller.

Muslims are sexy AND cool now?

Ever since 9-11, Muslims have been cornered into apologizing and explaining, endlessly, "Why do they hate us? Is it our freedoms?"

Well, surely Fakih and Ansari are being hailed as the embodiment of American freedom?

According to the zany paranoia of the right wing, Fakih's victory was the latest "proof" that Muslims are on the receiving end of "affirmative action" and of a "politically correct Islamopandering climate."

I'll believe that when there's a Muslim in the White House.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.

Letters

Calgary's drive-thru obsession contributes to overall laziness

Re: Pie-through proves popular (May 31)

What is this city's fascination with drive-thrus? They pollute, block traffic and create hassles for those of us that actually get out of our car and go inside.

In most cases, it's faster to go inside and you are assured that your order is correct because you can actually see it being made. The use of drive-thrus shows Calgarians' lack of concern for the environment, the fascination with their cars, and overall laziness.

What's next: A drive-thru daycare? Parents don't even have to get out of the car to drop off their kids!

RICHARD LINK, CALGARY

Worth mentioning

More U.S. teens support single motherhood: Report

A growing number of teen girls in the United States say they use the rhythm method for birth control, and more teens also think it's OK for an unmarried female to have a baby, according to a government survey released yesterday. The report may help explain why the teen pregnancy rate is no longer dropping.

Overall, teenage use of birth control and teen attitudes toward pregnancy have remained about the same since a similar survey was done in 2002.

About 17 per cent of sexually experienced teen girls say they had used the rhythm method — timing their sex to avoid fertile days to prevent getting pregnant. That's up from 11 per cent in 2002.

Nearly 64 per cent of teen boys said it's OK for an unmarried female to have a child, up from 50 per cent in 2002. More than 70 per cent of teen girls agreed, up from 65 per cent, though the female increase was not statistically significant.

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The iPad came first

Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs said yesterday the idea for the iPad came before the iPhone. Jobs says he had the idea to ditch the keyboard in the early 2000s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Housing cools off

The once white hot resale housing market is cooling significantly and prices should remain flat the rest of this year and fall in 2011, economists say.

"We've had this immensely powerful sellers' market and ... there could be a very rapid transition so that it now becomes a buyers' market," said Will Dunning of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals.

The Canadian Real Estate Association yesterday lowered its 2010 national forecast for resale transactions following a weaker than anticipated start to the year in British Columbia, Ontario and Alberta.

CREA also revised its projected housing price increases for this year, saying the increase is expected to be just 1.6 per cent over 2009. It predicted that by 2011, the national average housing price is expected to decline by 1.5 per cent, driven down by an easing of the growth in sales in B.C. and Ontario in the first half of 2010.

Dunning said fears of rate hikes and the HST are factors that brought demand forward into the latter half of 2009 and the early part of 2010. He said prices have likely peaked for now, and should remain flat for the rest of the year before falling in 2011.

Dunning's remarks came yesterday after the Canadian Real Estate Association lowered its 2010 national forecast for resale transactions following a weaker than anticipated start to the year.

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Rates rising

- CREA's revision comes a day after the Bank of Canada announced it was hiking its key lending rate from an emergency low of 0.25 per cent to 0.5 per cent.

Canada hopes a novel idea drives the final nail into the coffin of bank tax talk

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Suicides lead to 30% pay hike at iPad maker

MANUFACTURING The Taiwan company that makes iPads and other gadgets is raising the pay of its workers in China after a spate of suicides.

Foxconn Technology Group, shaken by the suicides at its China plants, said it is raising the pay of workers by 30 per cent, a greater increase than planned.

The company, which makes iPhones, iPads and other electronic items, says the pay increase will take effect immediately at its plants across China.

The basic salary at Foxconn's China plants is about 900 yuan ($130) per month. Ten workers have killed themselves and three have attempted suicide at Foxconn's operations in southern China this year.

Terry Gou

Labour activists accuse the company of having a rigid management style, an excessively fast assembly line and forced overwork. Foxconn denies the allegations.

The company, part of Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., is the world's largest contract maker of electronics.

Last week, Foxconn chairman Terry Gou promised to work harder to prevent more deaths.

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Advertisers flock to Facebook

ONLINE Facebook says its advertisers have more than quadrupled since the start of 2009 as marketers aim to get their products before a growing global audience.

The world's largest social-networking site, which has been opening offices around the world to serve ad clients, doubled the number of salespeople last year from 2008, according to an emailed statement. The company didn't disclose the number of advertisers or salespeople.

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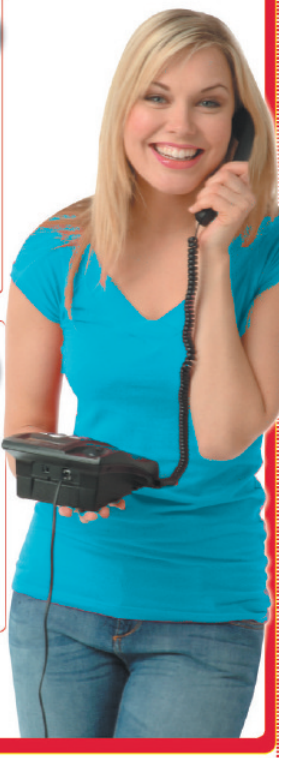

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Ford ends Mercury brand

Ford Motor Co. said yesterday it will cease production of its 72-year-old Mercury brand by the end of 2010 after years of declining sales. Ford plans to expand its luxury Lincoln lineup to make up for lost Mercury sales and support Lincoln-Mercury dealers who will suddenly be without a brand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Natural gas to burn: Top exec

Canada is rushing too quickly into expensive renewable energy, when natural gas offers some breathing room on energy supply, says Greg Ebel.

Ebel has an interest in the issue. As chief executive of Houston-based Spectra Energy, which owns Union Gas, he's in the natural gas pipeline business.

But Ebel says the development of shale gas deposits has so vastly increased reserves of relatively clean energy in North America that there's time to take a more measured approach to renewables.

Speaking in Toronto yesterday, Ebel argued that the development of shale gas deposits in northeastern North America has changed the energy picture.

Greg Ebel

Shale gas is trapped in rock up to 10,000 feet deep. Energy companies have now developed techniques to shatter the rock deep underground, releasing the gas, which is then piped to the surface.

Ebel figures that today's shale reserves give North America a 100-year supply of gas. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Newfoundland moves to ease oil spill worries

ENERGY The federal-provincial board that regulates oil activity off Newfoundland is trying to ease public concerns about deepsea drilling.

Max Ruelokke, head of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, said yesterday that anecdotal evidence suggests the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was caused by crew error.

He said faulty procedures used to terminate the well in the Gulf apparently allowed gas to enter instead and caused an explosion.

And while there's no guarantee an accident won't happen off Newfoundland, he said the board has stepped up safety oversight.

The leader of the NDP in Newfoundland and Labrador, Lorraine Michael, and other critics have called for a halt to deepsea drilling off the province.

Chevron has started drilling an exploratory well about 2,600 metres deep. It's more than 1,000 metres deeper than the BP-operated well that blew April 20 in the Gulf of Mexico, killing 11 workers.

Engineers have been struggling ever since to cap oil gushing into the Gulf.

"Unfortunately, the reality is the reality," Ruelokke said of the failure to cap the BP leak despite the best efforts of top engineers from around the world.

Still, he said the board sees no reason to call off the deepsea exploration about 400 kilometres northeast of St. John's. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Business in brief

ENERGY Another labour shortage appears to be looming in Canada's oil and gas industry. The Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada says in a new study that it looked at how many workers the oil and gas sector will need between 2009 and 2020. The council says more than 100,000 workers will be required over the next decade to support new oil and gas activity and replace retiring workers. Of those, about 65,000 workers will be in the oil and gas industry's core jobs.

AUTOMOBILES Americans shrugged off fewer discounts and a scary stock market plunge last month, snapping up new automobiles and delivering another month of higher sales for carmakers. The industry's double-digit jump in sales shows that consumers feel the economy is healthy enough for them to buy a new car or truck. It's easier to get a car loan and gas prices are holding steady. May marked the seventh straight month of year-over-year auto sales increases. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canadian Tire eyes Henderson's jersey
Canadian Tire says it will submit an opening bid of $200,000 for Paul Henderson's 1972 Summit Series jersey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

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Philadelphia's Danny Briere, right, looks on as teammates Scott Hartnell (19) scores a goal against Antti Niemi of the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Finals yesterday.

Flyers back in it

(Chicago leads series 2-1)

Blackhawks 3 **Flyers** 4 (OT)

VS

Twice, the Philadelphia Flyers needed video replay to decide if a goal counted.

One did, one didn't.

Claude Giroux didn't need the officials to check his winner.

Giroux scored 5:59 into overtime to give the Flyers a 4-3 victory over Chicago in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals last night, cutting the Blackhawks' series lead to 2-1. Game 4 is Friday night in Philadelphia.

Giroux scored on a redirection off Matt Carle's pass, beating Antti Niemi to decide the third straight one-goal game in the series.

"I tried to get a stick on it, and it just trickled in," Giroux said. "Our line started playing well, so any time your line's going you just play better I think. The whole team just showed up tonight, and we really wanted that win.

"Desperation was the key word, I think. It's almost do or die."

The Flyers already rallied to win a series after dropping the first three games to Boston in the Eastern Conference semifinals. While they talked all week about having faith they could do it again, the Flyers won't have to try.

Flyers coach Peter Laviolette said Giroux, who has nine post-season goals, was loose all day.

"He was smiling all day, came to the arena and had a great game. Talented kid," he said.

The Blackhawks, trying to win their first Stanley Cup title since 1961, snapped a seven-game winning streak and a seven-game road winning streak.

Giroux ended the game moments after Simon Gagne thought he scored the winner, only to have replay officials rule the puck didn't cross the goal line.

The game kept going — but not for long.

It was the second time replay was needed to determine a Flyers' goal. They went 1-for-2 — but, oh, how huge that one was for the Flyers in their first Stanley Cup home game since 1997.

Scott Hartnell had a no-goal overturned by replay to spark the Flyers to their first Cup win since 1987. Danny Briere and Ville Leino also scored for the Flyers, helping them win a game they desperately needed to avoid their second 3-0 hole of the playoffs.

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Big crowd

- It was the first Stanley Cup final game at the Wachovia Center in 13 years. A boisterous sellout crowd of 20,297 was in attendance — the largest ever to watch an NHL game in Pennsylvania.

Serena sent packing by Stosur

FRENCH OPEN Top-ranked Serena Williams was eliminated in the French Open quarter-finals yesterday, squandering a match point and losing to Australian spoiler Samantha Stosur, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 8-6.

A 12-time Grand Slam champion, Williams won her only French Open title in 2002 and hasn't been to the semifinals since 2003.

"I guess it's a redundant story with me," she said.

"It was my match, and I lost it."

The upset was the second in a row for the No. 7-seeded Stosur, who sent four-time champion Justine Henin packing on Monday.

Four-time champion Rafael Nadal defied the upset trend, beating No. 19 Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3), 6-4 in an all-Spanish quarter-final.

But No. 3 Novak Djokovic lost to Jurgen Melzer, who earned his first Grand Slam semifinal berth at age 29 by rallying to win 3-6, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

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Raptors make Carlesimo hiring official

The Toronto Raptors added some experience to their coaching staff yesterday, officially naming P.J. Carlesimo an assistant. The veteran NBA coach, whose hiring was widely reported in the Toronto media earlier in the week, was most recently the head coach of the Oklahoma City Thunder. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stamps hope to adapt to change

Altered Calgary club looking much different heading into 2010 CFL season

John Hufnagel's third season at the helm of the Calgary Stampeders is starting much differently than his second.

A year ago, the Stamps were the defending Grey Cup champions who had retained their entire coaching staff and most of their players from the previous season.

But the winds of change swept through the CFL club this off-season right up to the eve of training camp.

Hufnagel says the retirements of import defensive lineman Jim Davis and Canadian receiver Brett Ralph earlier this week were unexpected.

Those departures came less than a month after Canadian receiver Marcus Howell announced his retirement.

"It's been an interesting last 30 days for myself," Hufnagel said yesterday at McMahon Stadium.

Davis called it quits Tuesday because of a back injury, while Ralph announced Monday he's decided to go to university.

The main questions to be answered at training camp are:

• Can kicker Rob Maver, Calgary's first-round draft pick, make the transition from college to pro and replace Sandro DeAngelis?

• How long will it take receivers Ken-Yon Rambo and Ryan Thelwell, who both suffered season-ending injuries in 2009, to get back to full speed?

• Has Mike Labinjo lost enough weight to be effective again at defensive end?

• How will the offence operate without co-ordinator George Cortez?

"Training camp is going to be a learning experience on both sides, coaching and new players," Hufnagel said. "I'm anxious about it. I'm also so excited about it.

"I look forward to fresh ideas and fresh enthusiasm on the football team and in the organization. With professional football, if you're not a team that can adapt and accept and overcome change, then you're not a very good football team."

Even the Stampeders administration and training facilities have been altered. The players have a new dressing room and weight room, while the coaches have moved across McMahon's parking lot to a more spacious building.

Off-season change started at the top with the departure of player-personnel director Jim Barker to the Toronto Argonauts to become that team's head coach. Offensive co-ordinator Cortez left to be the Buffalo Bills' quarterbacks coach, which prompted a re-shuffling of Calgary's offensive coaching staff. Quarterbacks coach Dave Dickenson will call plays on game day with Hufnagel more involved in offensive strategy in game preparation.

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The Stampeders will look to quarterback Henry Burris, pictured, and all-star running back Joffrey Reynolds for leadership this season.

Schedule

• Rookies get on the field today and full training camp opens Sunday. Calgary's first pre-season game is in Edmonton on June 13. The Stampeders host Saskatchewan on June 20 before opening the regular season at home July 1 against Toronto.

Sports in brief

NHL The blindside hit to the head will carry severe penalties next season if the NHL's general managers have their way. The league's 30 general managers are recommending a rule that would see players receive a five-minute penalty and a game misconduct, with possible supplemental discipline, for lateral or blindside hits to the head with the shoulder. The GMs say they will make that recommendation to the competition committee.

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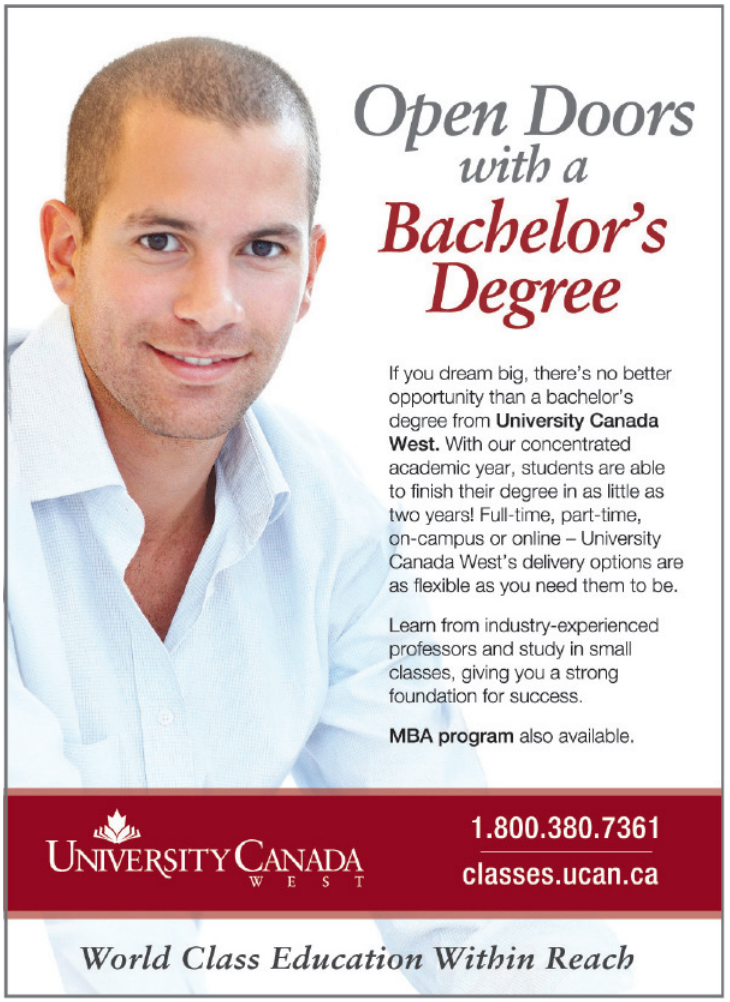

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Unplug your home and live off the grid

TOMAS LUNDIN
Metro World News

What energy crisis?

Niklas and Louise Scott run their dishwasher daily, watch movies on a 72-inch screen and walk on heated floors. But soaring energy prices are no concern for them. In fact, they are not even connected to the grid.

After years of planning and experimenting with solar panels in their previous home, the Swedish couple decided to go all the way last year.

"When we told our friends about it, most of them thought we would fail miserably," Niklas said.

But the self-sufficient house stood ready in September last year. It is built with super insulated, rodent-repellent foam glass from recycled bottles.

Later that year, Sweden's coldest winter for 50 years arrived.

Niklas said it was a perfect test and added: "We made it through and we didn't even have the wind power station up."

The money the couple saved from not connecting to the grid was invested in just over 400 square feet of rooftop solar panels. In the unlikely event of a total solar eclipse combined with a total lack of wind, a room full of batteries will keep everything running for two weeks.

Niklas said: "On a sunny summer day the house will produce 10 times more energy than it needs. I'm thinking of installing air conditioning this summer."

Now he measures every watt that leaves or comes into the house (the family cats Hampus and Razmus each generate 20 watts of energy per hour with their body heat) and plans to harvest water coming down the waterspout with a mini-powerplant that can charge a laptop during a downpour.

The secret to sustainability is to not only produce green electricity, but to keep consumption at a minimum. LED lighting and smart ventilation keeps it at one fifth of that of an average house.

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Top right: Niklas Scott shows off the solar panels atop his home, which is not even connected to the power grid. Top left: The exterior. Above: Niklas and his wife Louise enjoy the comforts of their green electricity.

Going green?

- If you're interested in turning your house into a "'green home" check this out:
- Solar electricity: Fun and Function owner Pete Parlssy specializes in full installations of energy-saving systems and says the growth of technology has meant a growing hunger for energy.

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Back to **the beach**

Homes in **Style**

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As sunshine and warm temperatures begin to set in full throttle, clothing gets lighter, windows are thrown open, and you can almost taste the ocean's saltwater on your tongue.

If you can't get those tootsies into the sand just yet, bring the beach inside by infusing a breezy, laid-back coastal style into your home for the summer.

Warning: Cravings for umbrella drinks could get a little out of hand.

Laurie Furber, senior vice president and general merchandise manager of the Pottery Barn catalogue, which is currently featuring the coastal style as part of an annual theme, says recreating the beach can spark feel-good memories.

"For most people, the coastal theme is evocative of something they remember fondly, whether it's a beach they visited when they were young, or a vacation they especially enjoyed, or a hometown," said Furber. "For me, it's my husband's family's beach house that we visit every summer. Coastal iconography like shells, coral or fish can trigger those great memories and the happy feelings that go with them."

Furber says faux coral or embroidered sealife pillows work well with an all-white interior. Add more hints of coastal charm by arranging seashells in sand on a level surface, or in a vase, or take a bowl and display loose shells with other beach finds. Hang some coastal-themed art. Display knick knacks in the form of sea creatures or fluff up the sofa with pillows depicting waterside imagery.

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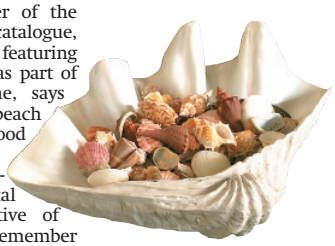
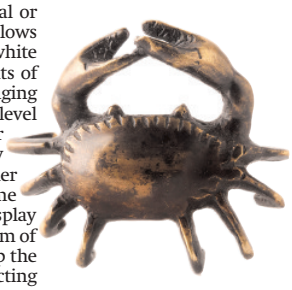


Giant Clam Shells are handcrafted of resin with pearlescent interior. Ballard Designs, $119, ballarddesigns.com.

The designer original Coral Chandelier was $1,000. The same chic look, for a fraction of the cost, is handcrafted of resin and metal with five candle arms and textured off-white coral finish. Ballard Designs, $299, ballarddesigns.com.



With the Hardshell Knob, this crabby fellow made of brass makes opening drawers and doors a snap. Anthropologie, $22, anthropologie.com.

Pillows are a great place to start when decorating. Top: Find yourself eye-to-eye with one of the ocean's curviest creatures, embroidered onto natural cotton-linen. The back of the Swimming By Pillow, Seahorse, features a stitched passage from a tale of the deep. Anthropologie, $138, anthropologie.com. Middle: The hand-embroidered Sand Dollar Pillow adds a textural warmth to a sofa. Pottery Barn, $45, potterybarn.ca. Bottom: Think billowing white sails and lounging on the Cote-de-Sud. This Maritime Pillow has vintage maritime silk screens, patches and coordinating trims as part of a nautical collection. Ballard Designs, $75, ballarddesigns.com.

Be green, re-invent, save money

DecorMoment

As someone who is always looking for the newest and latest things, I have something to admit: I spend late nights hunting for old furniture online and Saturday mornings visiting yard and estate sales. It's been quite a fruitful pastime and I have furnished most of my house with other's castaways from the past few years; beautiful cast-iron garden furniture, sunburst mirrors, vintage lamps, Persian rugs; all items that are a decorator's dream come true.

It's been a great time for finding treasures; the explosion of home sales means more people moving; in return needing to rid themselves of great stuff. Shopping online at places like Kijiji (kijiji.ca) helps keep my treasure hunting passion alive even when the weather doesn't allow for yard sales.

Persian rugs can really bring a room together, and they can easily recycled and reused when found at a yard or estate sales.

My latest purchase was a very old, three-hump camelback sofa. It had ornately carved wood legs and was covered in an off-white damask fabric. The fabric was worn from many years of a cat's claws, but other than that in sturdy condition. I liked the sofa because of its curvy shape; a trend that is making a return to furniture. I spoke to my professional upholsterer at InVue and asked if I could have two of the three humps removed, stain the carved legs very dark and re-cover it with an updated fabric to create a modern version of the old classic sofa style. He said everything I wanted was doable, so the sofa is now being re-made, which is a much better option then the sofa ending up at a dump sight.

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There are many stylish refurbishing projects I plan to take on this summer; here's a few on my list:

- **Repaint the old wooden dresser that sits in my guest room:** I love the size and function, but the shiny wood finish is looking outdated. A light sanding and a easy-spray coat of TKTK (I plan on painting it Kiwi Green for fun) will add punch, colour and freshness to this tired piece. $20 for two cans of spray paint and I'll create a signature furniture piece that the guest room desperately needs. I just might paint the inside of the drawers tangerine orange for a surprise burst of colour.
- **Bind an old Persian rug:** I purchased an antique 8x10 rug at a yard sale last summer. The edges were tattered, but rug had tons of character, colour and pattern. I want to add a five inch (I have chosen dark navy as the rug has a lot blue in it) ultra suede fabric border. That will clean up the edges and add a modern touch to the rug. My local rug cleaning company will clean and sew on the border at a cost of about $225. Its a great price to pay to have the charm of an old carpet with a modern edge.

Another few weeks and I should have my curvy delight back from the upholsterers. How much will it all cost? I paid $300 for the antique sofa, $450 for fabric and $900 for reupholstering. Could I have purchased a custom-style sofa for $1,650? I bet not.

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Create a perfect backyard shed

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A shed is a shed is a shed, right? Wrong. A shed can be whatever you want it to be.

In a home, you've got to worry about making changes that suit you but may not raise the value of your home. But a shed — well, you can use your creativity and have some fun.

That being said, there are some ideas to keep in mind.

A backyard shed normally blends into the backyard. I think it is loveliest when it is wood or stone, and bedecked with plants, such as vines or climbing plants on a trellis, window boxes, hanging baskets, or planters. A window or two adds charm.

Or, it can be finished to match your home, perhaps using the same type of siding or trim that you've got on your home.

A wood shed with lots of greenery surrounding it — such as vines or climbing plants — is a great bet.

A metal shed, although less aesthetically pleasing, can be painted dark green or a colour that blends into a garden. Painting a mural (say, a sun and moon) is another possibility, as is the notion of attaching stone veneer or thinly-sliced wood to metal shed walls.

If you need to store things in the shed, it's worth going through your shed items and turfing what you don't need. After you do this, you may find you have usable space after all.

If you want to hang out in the space for any length of time, it's definitely worth your while to insulate and use sun-blocking curtains or shades to keep it cool in summer. If you've got power, fans also help. During colder weather, a small heating electric fireplace or a gel-burning fireplace is a lovely and useful addition.

Creature comforts are important too. Comfortable seating with side tables, curtains, a rug, art on wall, perhaps a small fridge, or a game table, a few books or magazines in a bookcase, a source of music or even a small television, makes the space a great place to lounge.

If you've got power, it's easy to put up lights. If not, provide battery-powered lighting for tasks, and candles for mood lighting (but remember not to leave candles unattended).

As for theme, a lot depends on the shed's purpose. A shed can be a gardening shed, or it can be easily be transformed into a serene place to practise yoga, or an artist's retreat, a place to practise music, a woodworking shop, or a playhouse for kids. Heck, it could even be made into a chicken coop, depending on your municipality's chicken-keeping bylaws.

Shed decor ideas

- Hang antique gardening implements over the door or on shed walls.
- Arrange bunches of dried flowers or vines in hanging baskets or in swaths over windows or around the shed entrance.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in decor and design. She's written for the TV show Arresting Design; sputz@arrestingdesign.com.

Nature-inspired tights
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Girls in spikes

Meet the duo behind your favorite pop stars' glam looks

KENYA HUNT
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New York design duo The Blonds are renowned for the over-the-top, studded, rhinestone-encrusted, glam ensembles, which celebrities like Rhianna, Fergie, Christina Aguilera and Lady Gaga have all embraced. Pictured: (left to right) Phillipe and David Blond.

"It's crazy in here right now. We've got candies and cupcakes in one corner and then spikes, knifes and daggers in the other," says Phillipe Blond, one half of the glittery, New York-based design duo, The Blonds.

He's talking about their work studio, which seems to get increasingly busier as their popularity grows.

They're the costumer of choice for pop music's starriest ladies. Lady Gaga, Rihanna, Fergie and Christina Aguilera have all worn The Blonds' spiky, studded corsets and dresses. To place them even further in "Ones To Watch" territory, their work is featured prominently in Sex and the City 2. The business partners and lovers open up.

Q How did you two meet?

A David: It was 10 years ago at the Roxy of all places. When I saw Phillipe, he was super thin and dressed in this cute outfit. He looked like a dancer. So that was my pick-up line. It all started for us at a nightclub.

Q Is that the setting you envision your clothes working in best? They do have a lot of spikes and studs.

A David: I mean, generally the only way you can get away with things like that is by wearing them out at night or on the stage. We don't do all corsets all the time. But when we have the opportunity to dress these modern day showgirls, we do them a lot.

Q What has been the biggest influence on your work?

A David: Our main inspiration is the female form. Talk about inspiring. Wars have been waged over it. It's the most famous silhouette you can think of. So we like to use the corset to exaggerate and enhance it.

Phillipe: I used to be really obsessed with (the cartoon) Jem and the Holograms and She-Ra when I was growing up. They were so ahead of their time with the whole transformation of going from casual to glamorous. That obsession kind of evolved into our current madness — that '80s sensibility that more is more. More is more, and more is better!

David: Bob Mackie is another one. We just went to see this show in Vegas called Jubilee. It was a Bob Mackie explosion. I couldn't even take it, so insane. It was 50 years of drag and insanity.

Q What's with all the spikes?

A David: It's funny because with the first collection, we did this theme of light and dark with this glamorous punk girl and rainbow butterfly girl. That's where the spike thing started and it kind of caught on. But we've since refined them. We plate them in rose gold and silver.

Q And last, how did you come about being featured in SATC2?

A Phillipe: We got a crazy, intense phone call from Pat (Field). She was so excited about these jeans that we had done. They were just these embellished bleached stretch jeans with spikes and studs. Pat called and was explaining what she wanted and she suddenly put Sarah on the phone, who was like "Oh my God, I need those." So we ended up making her a pair.

The Blonds look

- Sarah Jessica Parker and Kim Cattrall wearing jeans and a dress by The Blonds respectively.
- Rihanna in The Blonds.

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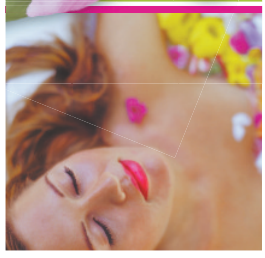

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Kristen Stewart has a stalker

Twilight actress Kristen Stewart revealed to the British version of Elle that she has a stalker, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "I'm pretty certain that it's some girl who got my number from someone I went to school with who's like, 'I've got Kristen Stewart's number,'" she said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Special guests

Canadian rapper Drake and rock-pop group Hedley have been added to the slate of performers taking part in the MuchMusic Video Awards on Sunday, June 20.

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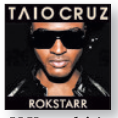
Cruz unloads instant club hits

Taio **Cruz**

Album: Rokstarr
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●



THIS BRITISH R&B dance pop artist, and Rihanna's Umbrella co-writer, is a star in the U.K. and it's hard not to see why. His sophomore record is loaded with instant club hits. Opener Dynamite, and many of the following tunes, is jacked up with soaring choruses and throbbing over-the-top keyboards. He takes a page out of R. Kelly's book on Dirty Pictures, a duet with Kei$ha about trading naughty photos. While it's got the chart topping formula down to a tee, it lacks personality and substance. It feels like Taio put a few ideas into a hit making machine and this is what popped out.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The **Beauties**

Album: The Beauties
Label: Six Shooter Records
Rating: ●●●●

A RESIDENCY AT the Dakota Tavern earned the Beauties a reputation as Toronto's best bar band. On-the-edge, dark and creative, this is a band forged out of closing-time jams. It's one thing, however, to impress late night beer drinkers with raw, high-energy roots rock; another to translate that vibe onto a record. The Beauties pull it off with elan on their debut LP. The first three tracks (Fashion Blues, Without You, Devil Do) could easily fit into the catalogues of Wilco or Son Volt, while extended tracks like Heaviest of the World and You Wish Better With Me beat with the heart of Crazy Horse.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Jack **Johnson**

Album: To the Sea
Label: Brushfire/Universal
Rating: ●●●

MOST PEOPLE HAVE a love hate relationship with Jack Johnson. One camp thinks his music is incredibly staid, banal acoustic rock. The other loves his mellow vibes and warm rhythms. His latest won't change people's opinions — it's another collection of smooth surfer sounds. The disc starts off strong, with the light infectious rocker You and Your Heart, while the bluesy riff-happy number At or With Me gives Johnson the chance to sound upbeat for a chance.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Taio Cruz delivers the hits on sophomore album Rokstarr.

Album**Reviews**

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Royal **Wood**

Album: The Waiting
Label: MapleMusic
Rating: ●●●½

CANADA HAS A great tradition of singer-songwriters from Gordon Lightfoot to Ron Sexsmith. For a while it seemed like Royal Wood was destined to become a piano-driven version, following in their footsteps. Here, however, he takes a turn toward sophisticated pop melodies with the help of Sarah MacLachlan producer Pierre Marchand and a coterie of outstanding studio musicians. It works extraordinarily well on tracks like first single On Top of Your Love and album opener You Can't Go Back. Wood has the sort of vocal delivery that can drift to the back of the mix and, for the most part, Marchand has pushed it forward.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Clay **Aiken**

Album: Tried and True
Label: Decca/Universal
Rating: ●

THIS RECORDING SIMPLY has no reason to exist. We do not need an over-the-hill American Idol runnerup crooning maudlin covers of songs that should have been locked away long ago. Moon River? It's Impossible? What Kind of Fool Am I? These are some of the most over-recorded songs in history. It's not possible to make them fashionable again. Ever. This is an album only Clay Aiken's parents could love. No wonder Simon Cowell quit. He couldn't bare the thought that people might hold him partially responsible for this crap.

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Killer Comebacks

The series chronicling how certain stars rise, fall and rise again returns for a new season with an episode focusing on Ellen DeGeneres. When she and her sitcom character came out of the closet, it was one of 1997's top entertainment stories, but the show's popularity fell off, and it left the air in 1998. DeGeneres didn't disappear, but she's become far more visible in recent years with her daytime talk show and her new berth as a judge on "American Idol." 12 PM on TROP

Africa on the Move

With South Africa hosting soccer's FIFA World Cup starting next week, we'll be seeing a lot of what used to be called the Dark Continent. This new two-part documentary is a reminder of what a misnomer that old nickname is as it gets up close and personal with the vibrant, diverse people and cultures that inhabit Africa's 50-plus countries. Part 2 airs next Thursday. 8 PM on CBRT

Patric, Page in HBO series
Actor Jason Patric has signed on to a new HBO project starring Canadian actress Ellen Page, Deadline reports. TVGuide.com says Patric will play a media mogul in the series. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kilmer faces county board for NM quip

CELEB Actor Val Kilmer is set to appear before a board of county commissioners in New Mexico to explain derogatory comments he's been quoted as making about the state.

San Miguel County Attorney Jesus Lopez says the manager of Kilmer's Pecos River Ranch told officials the "Batman Forever" actor plans to show up on June 23.

A 2003 Rolling Stone article quoted Kilmer as saying he lives in the "homicide capital of the Southwest" and that 80 per cent "of the people in my county are drunk."

Val Kilmer

Kilmer has denied the statements.

Kilmer wants the county to approve a permit allowing him to rent out three guest houses on his ranch. The county's planning and zoning commission approved the request, but the county commission wants him to explain his earlier remarks.

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Entertainment in brief

TECHNOLOGY Album release parties were once a way to generate buzz and boost sales of new music. These days, they may be one of the few money-making opportunities left for the music business. Jewel is selling tickets to a live video relay of a performance in which she will play songs from her new album, Sweet and Wild. Fifty U.S. venues, are participating, along with theatres in Australia.

SOCCER The United States has added more star power to its bid for the 2018 or 2022 World Cups, putting actor Brad Pitt on the committee trying to bring back soccer's premier event. Pitt accepted an invitation to join the USA Bid Committee, the group said Wednesday.

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Punk 'Mortal Kombat'

Green Day follow Beatles with their own Rock Band game

With a hit Broadway show and now their own edition of the Rock Band franchise, Green Day is establishing themselves as a punk rock brand.

"I just like being diverse and trying new things as far as Green Day is concerned," says frontman Billie Joe Armstrong.

The Grammy-winning, multiplatinum trio joins the Beatles as the only other act immortalized in Rock Band; the video game is being released next Tuesday. "It's like a glorified karaoke machine," Armstrong said. "Or Mortal Kombat with guitars."

The Green Day edition of Rock Band is out next Tuesday.

As players progress through the game, they gain access into the band's media vault, where they can unlock rare collectible images, and over 40 minutes of unreleased video. These include performances, outtakes, interviews, and even a tour of their transportation.

"You see old footage of us from the Bookmobile, and weird old performances and stuff no one's looked at in almost twenty years," Armstrong said.

Bits from those old performances help recreate the kinetic energy of the band playing live. Developers went through many hours of footage to get it right, and even used stand-in performers to fine-tune the computer-generated version on the punk rock trio.

"As far as video games are concerned it's pretty close," Armstrong said. "The Beatles wrote some of the greatest songs ever, but it wasn't challenging to get their movement down (on Rock Band) because they didn't really move that much."

Regarding their computer-generated likeness, the consensus was positive.

"Oh man, we're hot on computers," said drummer Tre Cool, while Dirnt joked: "I don't know if they got enough pimples on me."

"You see old footage of us from ... weird old performances and stuff no one's looked at in almost twenty years."
Billie Joe Armstrong

In the game, players perform in three different venues, each significant to the band. There's a punk rock club, which is an amalgamation of various places Green Day played in the early days; the Fox Theater in their hometown in Oakland, California; and the site of their first stadium show.

"The Milton Keynes (stadium) show was quite momentous for us. It actually was the concert that was filmed for Bullet in a Bible, Dirnt said, referring to the live DVD that was recorded in 2005 on the band's American Idiot tour.

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Sheen reaches agreement

Charlie Sheen has reached an agreement with authorities in Colorado over domestic violence allegations involving the actor's wife, a prosecutor said yesterday.

The agreement was confirmed by Chief Deputy District Attorney Arnold Mordkin, who declined to disclose details.

Sheen has pleaded not guilty to menacing, criminal mischief and assault charges stemming from an argument with his wife, Brooke Mueller Sheen, on Christmas Day at an Aspen home where they were on vacation.

The most serious charge is menacing, a felony that carries a maximum three-year prison sentence.

Sheen's attorney Richard Cummins did not immediately return phone messages seeking comment.

Sheen is scheduled to be in court Monday for a disposition hearing. His trial had been scheduled for July 21.

Cummins had sought to have statements thrown out that the Two and a Half Men actor made to police investigating the case. Cummins argued that an officer questioned Sheen in the basement of a house without advising him of his right to remain silent.

Actor Charlie Sheen has pleaded not guilty to assault and menacing charges stemming for an argument with his wife.

Charlie Sheen denied threatening or hitting his wife but told police that he broke two pairs of her eyeglasses in front of her.

A police officer's arrest affidavit quoted Brooke Sheen as saying the actor pinned her on a bed while holding a knife to her throat and making a threat.

An an audio recording of a police emergency call, a woman who identifies herself as Brooke tells the dispatcher, "I thought I was gonna die for one hour."

Brooke Sheen's attorney, Yale Galanter, previously said that Brooke Sheen had asked prosecutors to drop the case.

Galanter did not immediately return a message left by The Associated Press.

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Join a winemaking club

Wannabe winemakers are being tapped to participate in a unique private club just outside of Beamsville, Ont., that will allow their inner oenophile to be part of the vineyard and winemaking process without giving up their day jobs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The white and blue exterior of Santorini, which has stood on Centre Street since 1986, is soothing — especially on a snowy almost-summer evening.

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Delicious, reliable favourites are Cypriot family-run Santorini's secret to success.

Saganaki ($12) is not set alight as other tavernas might do, but it doesn't need the drama. The pan-fried cheese has a flawless salty, lemony, not-too-oily balance against soft, fresh pita ($3).

Bland calamari ($12) is a bit of a disappointment. The fried squid have a great texture but both the tzatiki and batter seem to be missing spicing.

Mains come on enormous oval plates. Roast lamb ($25) is the best in the city. Arni kleftiko — its name comes from lamb stolen from a herd and furtively cooked in a hole in the ground for hours — is imbued with garlic, lemon and rosemary, and comes off the bone in tender chunks.

Beef souvlaki ($26) is a skewer of tender filet mignon. All entrees come with why-can't-I-make-these-at-home lemony potatoes (crisp outside, soft inside), rice pilaf and green and yellow beans.

Try the bougatsa ($5.50), a cream pastry for a sweet change from baklava.

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Calamari ($12) from Santorini.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of spotted prawn bisque.

In brief

PATIO PARTY Bonterra's (1016 Eighth St. S.W.) annual patio party is Tuesday at 5 p.m. For $35, you get wine and hors d'oeuvres on one of Calgary's best patios. Go to bonterra.ca for more information on the event and how to get tickets.

FARMER'S MARKET A revitalized Hillhurst Sunnyside Farmers' Market is now open for the season at the community centre (1320 Fifth Ave. N.W.) every Wednesday 3:30-7:30 p.m. Visit armersmarket.hillhurstsunnyside.org to get more details.

COCHRANE BAKERY Gluten-free, all-natural baked goods are the focus of GF Patisserie (122 Third Ave. W., Cochrane). Try their raisin bread, cream puffs and cupcakes, all made without gluten. Check out gf-patisserie.com.

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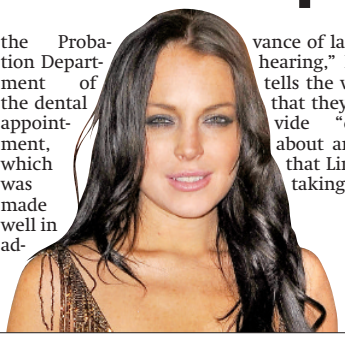
Glee star ties the knot

People magazine is reporting that Glee actress Jane Lynch has married her girlfriend Lara Embry, TVGuide reports. The couple was married Monday in Massachusetts according to People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay finds a loophole

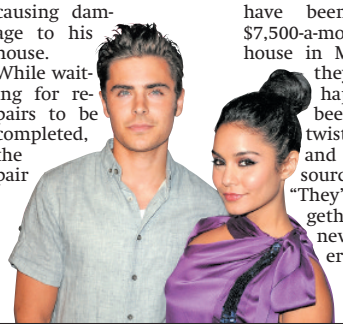
WELL, YOU CAN'T SAY SHE'S NOT RESOURCEFUL It hasn't been the best few weeks for Lindsay Lohan. Aside from having to deal with random drug testing and an alcohol-monitoring anklet, the troubled starlet had to have her wisdom teeth pulled. Luckily, she received special permission to take painkillers after the operation, according to TMZ. "We advised the Probation Department of the dental appointment, which was made well in advance of last week's court hearing," Lohan's lawyer tells the website, adding that they agreed to provide "documentation about any medications that Lindsay would be taking."



METRO WORLD NEWS

Separate flooding accidents force *High School* stars to shack up

ALTHOUGH VANESSA PROVES SHE SHOULD STILL BE LIVING UNDER PARENTAL SUPERVISION A recent pair of flooding accidents at home have forced Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens to get a little closer, according to the National Enquirer. First, Hudgens left a faucet running at her Studio City, Calif., home, forcing her out and doing $250,000 worth of damage. Then Efron's pool overflowed, causing damage to his house. While waiting for repairs to be completed, the pair have been sharing a $7,500-a-month beach house in Malibu — and they couldn't be happier. "It's been a happy twist of fate for Zac and Vanessa," a source says. "They're living together and have never been closer."



METRO WORLD NEWS

Mariah confirms pregnancy rumours

HATCHING ANOTHER SONGBIRD The speculation over whether Mariah Carey is pregnant or not is now over, according to Radar Online. Sources tell the website that the singer and husband Nick Cannon are officially expecting. "They're both very excited and very happy," the source says. "Mariah and Nick want to keep the pregnancy quiet as long as they can." The desire for secrecy could explain why during a road-trip up the Malibu coast over the weekend, Carey opted to not get out of the car when photographers were around.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Heigl wants to add to her growing brood

AND ALSO, MATCHING BABIES ARE *SO* IN THIS SEASON Katherine Heigl is so thrilled with her 9-month-old adopted daughter that she's ready to expand her family again. "We would like to have a second child, adopted or biological. We're not ruling it out," Heigl tells Germany's Gala magazine. "I often plunge into things and hope everything will be alright." She says that if she and husband Josh Kelly did adopt again, they'd likely go to Haiti. "There are so many parent-less children. It breaks my heart. I want to help," she says.

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LANCE BASS is doing his own PR, **KELLY OSBOURNE** is a brand new mom, and **BILL MAHER** is taking a cue from the Life of Brian and looking on the bright side.

@lancebass I don't like to talk about my personal life, but a lil rumor control since I've been asked A LOT- Kyan Douglas and I are not dating.

@MissKellyO Luke and I are now the parents of a new baby boy called woody he is 11lbs ball fluff I have never seen anything like him. will post pic later

@billmaher If there's another Korean war do u think at least they'll bring back M*A*S*H?

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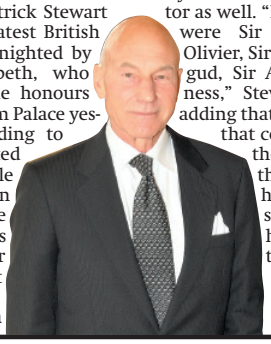
Former Star Trek captain receives royal recognition

THAT'S *SIR* CAPTAIN PICARD TO YOU, PEONS Patrick Stewart became the latest British actor to be knighted by Queen Elizabeth, who performed the honours at Buckingham Palace yesterday, according to the Associated Press. While best known around the world for his work on Star Trek: the Next Generation, Stewart is a widely celebrated stage actor as well. "My heroes were Sir Laurence Olivier, Sir John Gielgud, Sir Alec Guinness," Stewart said, adding that being "in that company is the grandest thing that has professionally happened to me."



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Film fest to honour Efron

FOR HIS LONG, PROLIFIC AND ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER (THAT CRACK WAS FOR THE MALIBU BEACH HOUSE) In other Efron news, the teen heartthrob will be honoured by the Maui Film Festival in Hawaii later this month with its Shining Star Award.

The star of High School Musical 3: Senior Year and 17 Again will accept the award June 16, the festival's opening night.

Festival director Barry Rivers says the 22-year-old actor is an "exemplary shining star."

Rivers says this year's mantra is "Trust the Future," and Efron is an actor with an extraordinary career behind him and an even more brilliant one ahead of him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prince Harry ponies up for charity event

DON'T BE SO GLUM, HARRY. THERE'S GOING TO BE LOTS OF CHAMPERS AND RALPH LAUREN MODELS Britain's Prince Harry is once again coming to America.

The 25-year-old will participate in the third annual Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic on June 27 on Governors Island in New York Harbor.

He will again face off against Argentine polo player Nacho Figueras, who is also a model for Ralph Lauren.

The event will benefit American Friends of Sentebale, the U.S. arm of the global charity co-founded by Harry. The charity supports impoverished children of Lesotho in southern Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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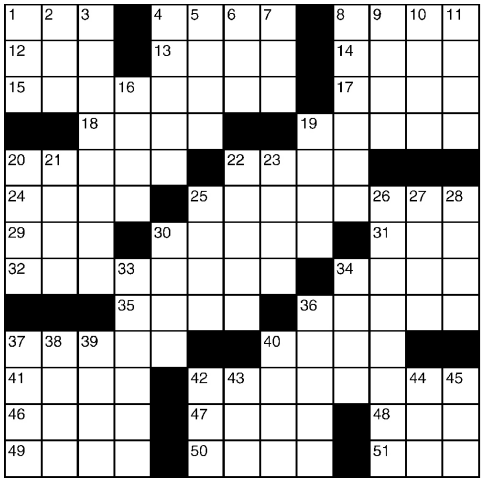

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Humor
4 Con game
8 Wound cover
12 Stick in the water?
13 Big name in jazz
14 All that remained in Pandora's box
15 Sweaters and such
17 Stratagem
18 Restaurant employee
19 Venomous snake
20 Tier
22 Whirl
24 Erstwhile Peruvian
25 Deck
29 Army rank (Abbr.)
30 "— of Two Cities"
31 To and —
32 Automatic, as a reaction
34 Somewhere out there
35 Crooner Jerry
36 Humdinger
37 Take it easy
40 Note to co-workers
41 Saharan
42 Hiker's burden
46 Swampy area
47 Multinational coin
48 Payable
49 Gets a glimpse of
50 Help illegally
51 Sun Yat- —

DOWN

1 Moo goo gai pan pan
2 Author Fleming
3 Kiddie transport
4 Waste line?
5 Staff leader
6 Carte lead-in
7 Scratch
8 Get smaller
9 Masterstroke
10 Church section
11 Milwaukee product
16 Mother of Helios
19 Moral failing
20 Taste a lollipop
21 In due time
22 Trap
23 11th President
25 Record label in TV ads
26 Empties a truck
27 Caspian Sea feeder
28 British conservative
30 Trojan War hero
33 Ducks
34 Intends
36 Station
37 St. Louis team
38 Pennsylvania port
39 Old Italian bread
40 Paddock parent
42 Mauna —
43 Gist
44 Prompt
45 Barbie's companion

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

1	6	7	2	4	5	3	9	8
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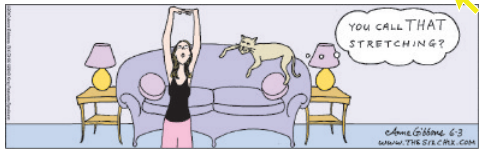

Metro Recipe of the Day

Fire Roasted Chicken with Apricot Glaze

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES
INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup apricot jam
3 tbsp cider vinegar
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper plus more for seasoning
1 garlic clove, minced
1 1/2 lb skinless and boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus more for oiling grill

METHOD:

1. Preheat grill to medium-high.

2. Combine first 4 ingredients together in bowl. Stir until smooth and well blended and set aside.

3. Thread chicken pieces onto 8 metal or presoaked wooden skewers and season with salt and pepper. Lightly brush grill with olive oil, place chicken skewers on grill and cook for 2 minutes. Turn skewers over one quarter turn and baste cooked side with glaze. Continue to cook, basting and turning as needed until cooked through, about 8-9 minutes total.

SERVES 4

• *Serve this recipe with Fennel Salad or Arugula Pomegranate Salad and serve Lime Angel Food Cupcakes for dessert! Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you have not yet been enticed by a new hobby or interest it is just a matter of time. You are on the lookout for new thrills — and you'll find plenty.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something completely unexpected is about to turn your world upside down. You may not be one for surprises but this surprise will be welcome.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
This is a time for action, a time to put what you have learned in recent months to good use. You know what you want and you know how to get it.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Ask for help if you need it. Don't try to do it all on your own. You have done no end of favors for friends and relatives in the past. Call them in,

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Life is never dull when Leo is around and, yes, it seems that others are expecting you to put on a show again. Don't do it if your heart is not in it.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Those who thought they knew you will have to think again as you do something completely unexpected with your life.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Something wonderful is about to happen and you will undoubtedly benefit from the experience. It is unlikely to be a material change.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You will be asked to do something you don't like or deal with someone you don't approve of today. If you are smart you will do it.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A friend or family member may deserve to be criticized today but is it necessary? This may be one of those occasions when it's best to just let it go.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't mess with things you don't understand. That is always good advice but more so today as you encounter a situation that is alien to you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Fate always guides you in the right direction, regardless of how many detours you take along the way.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Put yourself in another person's place and imagine how you look to them. If you can you will know why they seem so reluctant to interact with you.

This day in history

1620: Construction of the oldest stone church in French North America, Notre-Dame-des-Anges, begins in Quebec City.
1885: In the last military engagement fought on Canadian soil Cree leader Big Bear escapes the North West Mounted Police.
1889: The coast to coast Canadian Pacific Railway is completed.
1989: China sends troops to force protesters out of Tiananmen Square after seven weeks of occupation.
1989: SkyDome is officially opened in Toronto.

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